

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
HORRY COUNTY)
TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH)

Resolution No. 3-2024

Whereas, news of the end of slavery did not reach the frontier areas of the United States, in particular the State of Texas and the other Southwestern States, until months after the conclusion of the Civil War, more than 2½ years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863;

Whereas, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and the enslaved were free;

Whereas, African Americans who had been slaves in the Southwest celebrated June 19, commonly known as “**Juneteenth Independence Day**”, as inspiration and encouragement for future generations;

Whereas, African Americans from the Southwest have continued the tradition of observing Juneteenth Independence Day for more than 150 years;

Whereas, Juneteenth Independence Day began as a holiday in the State of Texas and is now celebrated in 46 States and the District of Columbia as a special day of observance in recognition of the emancipation of all slaves in the United States;

Whereas, Juneteenth Independence Day celebrations have been held to honor African-American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures;

Whereas, the faith and strength of character demonstrated by former slaves and the descendants of former slaves remain an example for all people of the United States, regardless of background, religion, or race;

Whereas, slavery was not officially abolished until the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in December 1865; and

Whereas, over the course of its history, the United States has grown into a symbol of democracy and freedom around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Atlantic Beach

- (1) designates June 19, 2024, as “Juneteenth Independence Day”
- (2) recognizes the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day to the United States;
- (3) supports the continued nationwide celebration of Juneteenth Independence;

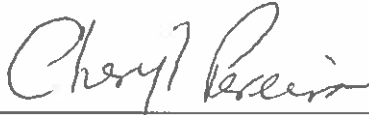
Day to provide an opportunity for the people of the United States to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the United States; and

- (4) recognizes that the observance of the end of slavery is part of the history and heritage of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Atlantic Beach designates June 19, 2024 as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in recognition of June 19, 1865.

DONE AND ENACTED IN COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THIS 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

ATTEST:



Town Clerk




Jake Evans, Mayor



Josephine Isom, Councilmember



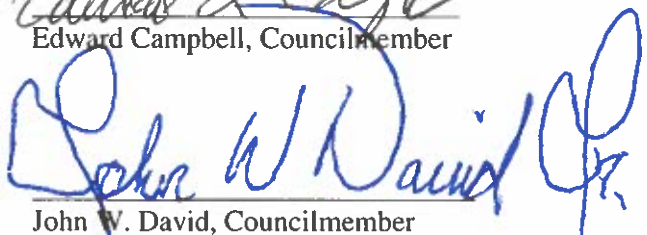
Interim Town Manager



Jacqueline Gore, Councilmember



Edward Campbell, Councilmember



John W. David, Councilmember